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St Dyfnog's Church, Llanrhaeadr

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The **Church of St Dyfnog**, Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch, Denbighshire, Wales, is a parish church dating from the 13th century. The church is most famous for its Tree of Jesse window which dates from 1533. The church is a Grade I listed building.

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History [edit source]

The first mentions of the church occur in the Norwich Taxatio Ecclesiastica of 1254 and the Lincolnshire Taxatio of 1291.[1] The South chamber and the door of the tower may both date from this time.[1] The "particularly fine enriched roofs"[1] are later, dating from re-modellings in the 15th and 16th centuries.[2] The Jesse window, the church's most famous feature, dates from 1533.[2] The window is reputed to have been removed and buried during the English Civil war to protect it from destruction. It was re-instated in 1661.[1] The church suffered at the hands of Victorian restorers; Arthur Baker's restoration of 1879–1880 is described as "indifferent" by Cadw[1] and as "inappropriate" in the Clwyd volume of *The Buildings of Wales*.[3] The church remains an active parish church within the Mission Area of Denbigh.[4]

Architecture and description [edit source]

The Tree of Jesse Window

The church is constructed of limestone rubble with sandstone dressings and slate roofs.[2] It has a double nave, a South chamber and a four-storey tower.[2] The architectural historian Edward Hubbard notes the style as Perpendicular, with the possible exception of the tower door.[3]

The interior contains a "wonderfully complete" Tree of Jesse window,[3] described by Cadw as "the apogee of the early Tudor North Wales school of glazing".[1] The window, showing Jesus's descent from Jesse,[5] has been called "the finest Glass window in all Wales, exceeded by few in England".[5]

The church also contains a number of significant monuments to local grandees including those of Watkin Edwards Wynne[1] and Maurice Jones, the latter "large and Baroque, (a) reclining bewigged effigy".[3] There is also a rare carved pelican, dated 1792, shown feeding its young with its blood.[3] The church is a Grade I listed building, the listing recording it as "an exceptionally fine late medieval church (with) the famous Jesse window".[1]

Notes [edit source]

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3. ^ *a b c d e* Hubbard 2003, pp. 230–31.
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Church of St Dyfnog

"the finest window in all Wales"

Location in Denbighshire

OS grid reference	SJ081633
Location	Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch, Denbighshire
Country	Wales
Denomination	Church in Wales
Website	St Dyfnog's Church website
History	
Status	parish church
Founded	13th century
Architecture	
Functional status	Active
Heritage designation	Grade I
Designated	19 July 1966
Architectural type	Church
Administration	
Parish	Mission Area of Denbigh
Deanery	Denbigh
Archdeaconry	St Asaph
Diocese	St Asaph
Clergy	
Vicar(s)	Rev. Val Rowlands

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Governance	Governing Body of the Church in Wales · Representative Body of the Church in Wales
Legislation	Welsh Church Act 1914 (*Border polls*) · Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act 1919 · Welsh Church (Amendment) Act 1938 · Welsh Church (Burial Grounds) Act 1945 · Marriage (Wales) Act 2010
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